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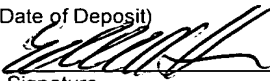
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For: **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING EFFICIENT INK DROP OVERLAP FILLED WITH A PSEUDO HEXAGONAL GRID PATTERN**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Before taking action in this case, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.